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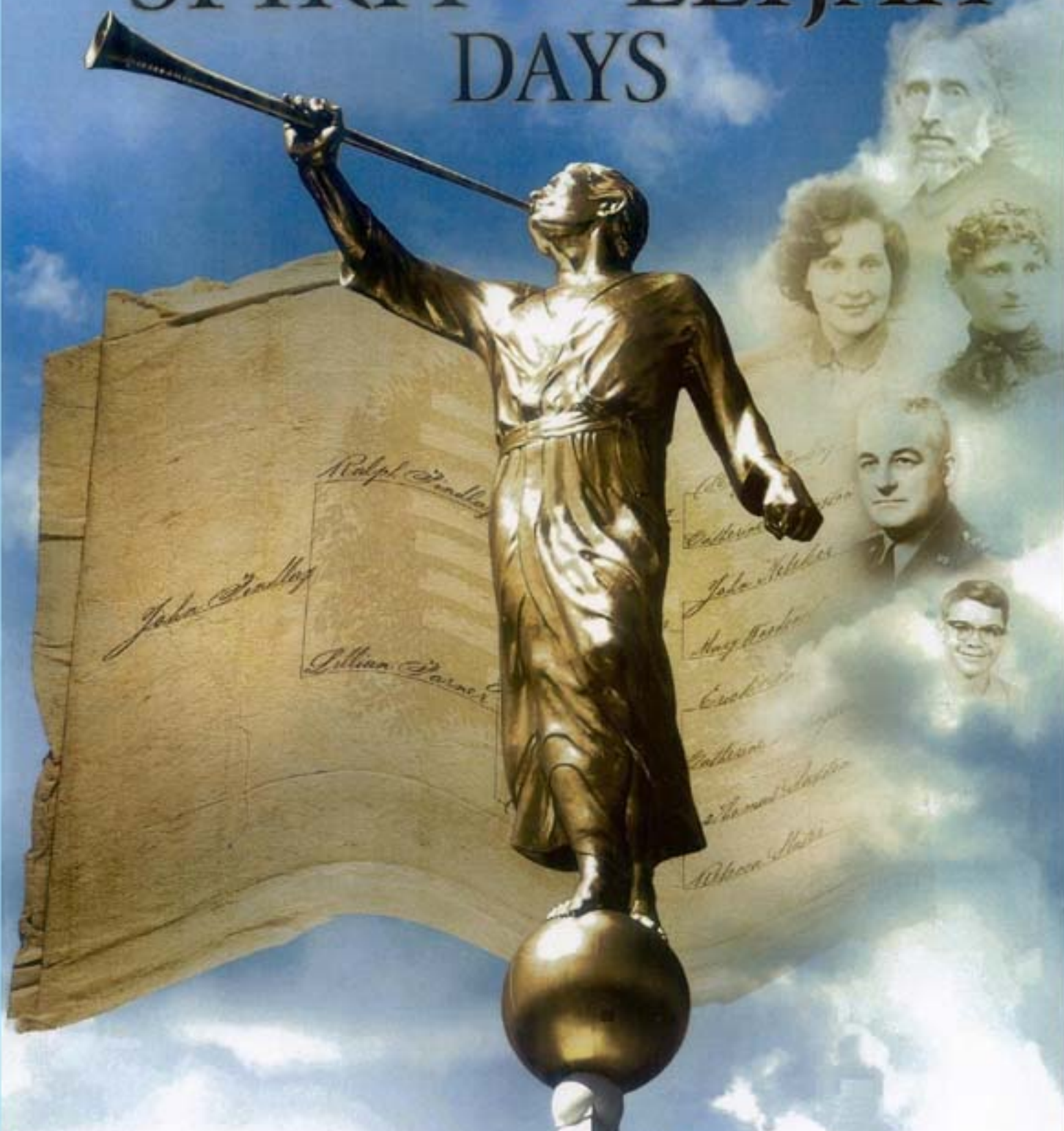
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My Great Uncle; Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt had the distinction of marrying two extraordinary women, who between themselves had 10 husbands. His first wife; Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) was married 5 times before her marriage to Art Pratt. Born in Idaho, Hazel in her short 61 years traveled all over the country. Art's second wife; Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) born in Missouri married 4 times before Art Pratt and once more before her death. Each of these women outlived all their husbands except Art outlived Hazel.

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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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INTRODUCTION...

As customary when researching ancestors, you try to locate any and all information concerning your subject, hoping to find someone, somewhere who has completed some form of research to save you time.

Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt, my Great Uncle on my father's side, was born in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri on 3 January 1902.



He was an auto mechanic for Anderson Motor Service in Bourbon but he traveled all around the country especially after he married.

He was married twice to extraordinary women, the first Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) and the second wife; Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**).

This article was written concerning these two extraordinary women and the story of my pursuit of their parentage.

With very little to go on, none of my living relatives knew anything about Art's wives, I was able to fill in some of the blanks in the lives of these women and open up future avenues of research.

By presenting a step-by-step process, detailing my discovery of family information, I hope, will teach those who follow, proper procedures for researching their ancestors.

IN THE BEGINNING...

Starting with the 1970 book, "**Forest Hills and Vicinity**" by John Steele McCormick, 1970, stated the following about the Henry Winslow Pratt family, on page 376;

5. Arthur, b. Jan 2, 1902; d. May 7, 1961; m. (1) Hazel Belle Stall of Kansas City; m. (2) Mrs. Beulah Cross of Detroit, Mich.; no children.

That's it. That's all I had, very little to go on, but the John McCormick book gave me a hint as to Art's first wife's name.

On the surface Hazel Belle sounds like given names, Stall did not sound like a birth surname.

Checking ancestry.com's resources left a blank. No one had posted any information about these women or Henry Arthur Pratt. Remember, this article was originally written back in 2008.

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To make matters worse, Art and Hazel had not been listed in any census together to give me an age for her or a birth location. All I knew about her...she was Hazel Belle Stall from Kansas City, Missouri.



When researching deceased ancestors, going from birth to grave is the normal procedure as taught using the cradle to grave profiles.

However, when looking for recently living ancestors, tracing from their last known point of life to birth, a procedure known as regression is the correct process for discovery. This research for Hazel Belle Stall is an example.

1930 FEDERAL CENSUS...

Starting with the last known available census 1930, even years later, I could not locate them in the 1940 census, I was looking for a Hazel Belle Stall hopefully in Kansas City, Missouri. Really a longshot...Bingo!

Living at 6910 East 37th Street, Ward 14 Block 368, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, United States, page 160b, 12 April 1930, line 62, house 6910 was the following information...

STALL, Charles G head w m 52; Hazel B wife w f 36; **SCHWARTZ**, Albert sson w m 16; **DARNELL**, Harold D sson w m 19; **COZIAH**, James boarder w m 76; Joseph H boarder w m 45; **WALTON**, Ethel M boarder w f 40; **VINCENT**, Aden boarder w m 31; **PHILPOTT**, Elmer boarder w m 35; **STALL**, Harold nephew w m 22; **SALING**, Rutherford H boarder 69; Mary E boarder w f 65

Karl Charles "Charley" Gottlieb Stoll son of Johannes Fredrick "John" and Anna (**DEETZSCH**) Stoll was born 18 November 1876 in Rockville, Rockville Township, Bates County, Missouri, United States his parents born in Germany. Hazel was born in Idaho her parents in Illinois; step-son Albert Schwartz was born in Wyoming his father in Pennsylvania his mother in Idaho; sep-son Harold Darnell was born in Wyoming his father in Iowa his mother in Idaho; nephew Harold Stall, was born in Missouri as was his parents. James Coziah, first married at age 21; Hazel's widowed father was born in Illinois as was his parents. Joseph H.[Harvey] Coziah first married at age 27; Hazel's divorced brother born in Iowa his parents in Illinois, Charles was first married at age 48, Hazel was first married at age 18. Charles owns a boarding house. Albert, Harold D, and Harold are single.

This census was the key to unlocking Hazel's life. It told me her husband's name Charles G. Stall and she had a son from a previous relationship named Albert Schwartz age 16 born in Wyoming and another son from a previous relationship named Harold D. Darnell age 19 born in Wyoming and her father's name James Coziah age 76 from Illinois and a brother named Joseph H. Coziah born in Iowa.

It also told me Hazel B. was 36 and born in Idaho.

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This census also revealed Hazel's birth surname was (**COZIAH**) and she may have been married to a Schwartz, and she may have been married to a Darnell. She was born in 1894 and was first married at age 18 in 1912.

Now it was time to arrange the order of these marriages and families. This was an unusual woman.

Backtracking...I went looking for her, her father or children in the 1920 census in either, Kansas City, Missouri, Wyoming or Idaho or Illinois maybe Iowa. Really a longshot...Bingo!

1920 FEDERAL CENSUS...

In the 1920 census of Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Lincoln County, Wyoming, United States, page 122b, 13 February 1920, line 96, farm 249, family 266 I found the following...

COZIAH, James head w m 61; **BELLAMY, Hazel dau w f 27**; Harold gson w m 9; Albert gson w m 5

James J. Coziah son of Joseph & Nancy (**WOOLLEY**) Coziah is a widower and was born 31 August 1863 in Galesburg, Galesburg City Township, Knox County, Illinois, United States as were his parents, Hazel is a widow and was born in Idaho her parents were born in Illinois, Harold and Albert were born in Wyoming, their father in Iowa, their mother in Idaho. James is a farm laborer.

This census data threw another wrench in the works...Hazel had married a Bellamy!

Now, let's get this straight, so far her potential spouses included Great Uncle Art Pratt, Charles G. Stall, ____ Bellamy, ____ Schwartz and ____ Darnell...so far.

The 1920 census told me she was a widow, and since son; Harold D. Darnell was born in 1911 in Wyoming this gave me an approximate marriage date to ____ Darnell. Son; Albert Schwartz was born 1915 also in Wyoming; this also gave me an approximate marriage date to his father between 1911-1915. Also, this census revealed Harold and Albert's father were born in Iowa.

Backtracking...I went looking for her in the 1910 census...who knows what her surname would be this time? Another longshot...Bingo!

1910 FEDERAL CENSUS...

I was amazed to find her in the following...

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The 1910 census of Red Oak City, Ward 2, Montgomery County, **Iowa**, United States, page 123a, 26 April 1910, line 69, house 1211, dwelling 324, family 333 living with her Aunt and Uncle.

KIRBY, Edward head w m 27; Stella wife w f 34; Opal dau w f 2; unnamed son w m 3mos; **COZIAH**, Hazel niece w f 17

Edward son of Zachariah and Catherine (**WHEELER**) Kirby was born 25 April 1880 in the United States his parents in England. Stella (**COZIAH**) Kirby was born in Iowa her parents in Illinois. Opal & unnamed son were born in Iowa their father in the US their mother in Iowa. Hazel was born in Idaho her father in Illinois her mother in Iowa. Hazel is a housekeeper living with her Aunt Stella. This is Edward and Stella's first marriage and they have been married for 3 years. Stella says she had had 2 children born and 2 are living.

This census verified Hazel's birth surname was (**COZIAH**). She was consistent with the birthplaces of her parents. It also gave me a clue that her Aunt Stella was a (**COZIAH**) before she married Edward Kirby.

So far, what this census revealed...Hazel married _____ Darnell first and right after this census date. Her son, Harold Darnell was born in 1911 in Wyoming. So, either she married in Iowa and for some reason she moved to Wyoming before Harold's birth.

The next step, you guessed it...look for the 1900 census. Bingo! Not what I was looking for. I was looking for her father, mother and siblings since Hazel was born in 1894 she should be 6 years old.

1900 FEDERAL CENSUS...

Here's what I found...1900 census of Cokeville Precinct, Election District 5, Uinta County, Wyoming, United States, page 185a, 8 June 1900, line 1, house 56, family 56 with the following...

STOFFERS, Claude head w m born February 1865 age 66; Annat wife w f born October 1852 age 47; Fredrick son w m born July 1871 age 28; Larancy son w m born March 1876 age 24; Laura P. dau w f born February 1878 age 22; Louella dau w f born April 1882 age 18; Johnny son w m born May 1884 age 16; George E. son w m born December 1886 age 13; Oscar son w m born March 1893 age 7; **COZIAH, Hazel boarder w f born January 1893 age 7**; **TITTENGER**, Voluta boarder w m born May 1885 age 15

Hazel was born in Idaho her parents in Illinois. Her father; James Coziah and sister; Ethel (**COZIAH**) are boarders in separate homes a few houses away. It appears James could not handle all four children after the death of their mother in 1893, so he split them up in different houses.

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This was unfortunate...not an intact family. This fragmented family told me a great tragedy had befallen this family.

Checking neighbors, I saw other Coziah children had been spread out over the Wyoming territory. This census data told me from experience, when a widowed spouse has to contend with a large family, they needed help; neighbors and friends were their best choice.

My heart began to sorrow for this fragmented family and I wondered what else I would find.

Another source, is New Family Search files (NFS) on my church's website. This now called Family Tree where members and non-members have submitted family information on their ancestors for temple ordinances. Checking for a James Coziah born 1863 in Illinois, I found some help.

James J. Coziah born 31 August 1863 at Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois, United States to Joseph (1840-1911) & Nancy (18342-1907) (**WOOLEY**) Coziah from Iowa and Illinois. James had married Eva May (**OSTRADER**) on 1 January 1886 in Atwood, Rawlins County, Kansas, United States.

KANSAS!!! KANSAS!!! In my 35 years of family history research I have never seen anything like this family.

Church members had submitted this information to New Family Search. Like most researchers, most of the time, they fail to document their information. Remember, genealogy without documentation is mythology!

The submitters said his wife; Eva had died on 14 November 1893 in Logan County, Utah. Based on my research into James Coziah, I was able to piece together a chronological history of his family.

HAZEL'S FATHER; JAMES HARVEY COZIAH...

James Harvey Coziah was born on 31 August 1863 in Galesburg, Galesburg City Township, Knox County, Illinois, United States, by the 1870 census he is living near the Colfax Post Office, Mound City Township, Jasper County, Iowa, United States with his parents; Joseph & Nancy (**WOOLLEY**) Coziah.

By the 1880 census he is still with his parents and living in Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa, United States.

By the 1st of January 1886 he has moved to Atwood, Rawlins County, Kansas, United States where he married Eva May (**OSTRANDER**) born 19 March 1868 near Galesburg Post Office, Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois, United States daughter of Henry P. & Ellen Catherine "Kate" (**PRICE**) Ostrander.

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During that year he and family moved from Kansas back to Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa where his son; Joseph Harvey Coziah is born on 7 September 1886. On 20 August 1887, a daughter; Ethel May (**COZIAH**) is born.

Sometime after 1887 they moved from Des Moines to Sun Valley, Logan County, Idaho. I know you are saying, what possessed them to move there? You'll have to ask them.

Son; Frank Lee Coziah is born on 13 March 1889 in Sun Valley, Logan County, Idaho. Daughter and our subject of interest; Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) is born on 6 December 1892 and on the 14th of November 1893 the family losses their mother and James lost his wife; Eva May (**OSTRANDER**) Coziah.

With 4 children all under 7 years of age, and the prospects of remarriage in the western wilderness unlikely, James Coziah places his children with local families.

In the 1900 census he is living in the Cokeville Precinct, Election District 5, Uinta County, Wyoming as follows...

OLSON, Peter W head w m 33; Fannie wife w f 28; Arthur G. son w m 4; Leslie K. son w m 3; Tressie M. dau w f 9mos; **JOHNSON**, Millie 15; **COZIAH**, James boarder w m born August 1858 age 41; **McKEE**, John boarder w m 42; Clara 26

James' daughter Ethel is living with the Henry Wheelock family on census page 184a; James' daughter Hazel is living with the Claude Stoffer family on census page 185a.

His son Joseph is living at Nuphar Precinct, Election District 5, Bear Lake County, Idaho, page 313b, 27 June 1900, line 67, house 262, family 267 with **MILLER**, John O 32; Mary E 23; Boyd C 6; Mabel C 4; **COZIAH**, Joseph foster son w m born September 1885 age 14

Joseph was born in Iowa and he didn't know where his parents were born. He goes to school.

James' son Frank is living with his grandparents at Hilburn Township, Madison County, Arkansas, page 150a, 18 June 1900, line 43, house 235, family 245 with **WOOLLY**, Silas E. head w m born March 1836 age 64; Ellen K. wife w f born August 1834 age 65; **COSIAH**, Frank L. gson w m born March 1891 age 9

Silas was born in Illinois, his father in Kentucky and his mother in Indiana, Ellen Catherine "Kate" (**PRICE**) Ostrander was born in New Jersey as were her parents, and Frank was born in Idaho, as were his parents. Silas is Kate's 2nd husband.

Silas was first married at age 43, Ellen at age 43. Ellen has had 3 children born and 0 are living. Silas is a farmer and is renting.

By the 1910 census, Hazel's father; James Coziah is in Pilot Grove Township, Montgomery County, Iowa.

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HAZEL BELLE (COZIAH) AND HER HUSBANDS...

After the death of her mother in 1893, Hazel moved from Sun Valley, Blaine County, Idaho to Cokeville Precinct, Election District 5, Uinta County, Wyoming.

Hazel moved from the Cokeville Precinct, Election District 5, Uinta County, Wyoming to Red Oak City, Ward 2, Montgomery County, Iowa to live with her Aunt Stella (**COZIAH**) Kirby between 1900-1910.

HERE COMES THE HUSBANDS OR 1ST HUSBAND PAUL E. DARNELL...

1st husband; Paul E. Darnell and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) were married after the 26 April 1910 census date and before 22 October 1911, probably in Montgomery County, Iowa.

Checking the on-line marriage records did not reveal their marriage data. Either the marriage sequence did not go to the 1910-1912 ranges or no one has posted the marriages on-line. Ordering the microfilm from the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would probably be our best bet for discovering this marriage date...in lieu of going to Montgomery County, Iowa and looking at the marriage books.

After marriage, Hazel and Paul Darnell moved from Red Oak City, Ward 2, Montgomery County, Iowa to Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Uinta County, Wyoming where son; Harold James Darnell was born on the 22nd of October 1911.

Spouse; Paul E. Darnell was born on the 12th of March 1892 in Madison County, Nebraska according to his World War I draft registration card of 1917. Son of Fred W. and Maggie Angeline (**PARSONS**) Darnell from Indiana and Iowa respectively.

Paul E. Darnell and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell were divorced sometime after 1912 and before the 12th of July 1913, the date of Hazel's second marriage in Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho to John Albert Schwarz.

Paul went on to marry 2nd Callie Edna (**McINTIRE**) on 10 September 1919 in Bonneville, Idaho and moved to Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Paul died in 1959.

Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell moved from Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Uinta County, Wyoming to Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho after 1912 and before her marriage in 1913.

2ND HUSBAND; JOHN ALBERT SCHWARZ...

2nd husband; John Albert Schwarz and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell were married the 12th of July 1913 in Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho. This information was obtained from Western States Marriage Record Index at...

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<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=44244>

Details For Marriage ID#44244 Groom Last Name: SCHWARZ Groom First Name: John Albert Groom Residence: Bride Last Name: DARNELL Bride First Name: Hazel Bella Bride Residence: Place: Paris Date: 12 Jul 1913 County of Record: Bear Lake State: Idaho Volume: 3 Page: 27

It appears after her marriage to John Albert Schwarz, They moved back to Uinta County, Wyoming because in the 1920 census Hazel states son; Albert Schwarz was born in Wyoming.

Their son; Albert Schwarz was born in Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Uinta County, Wyoming in 1914 or he could have been born in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

Spouse; John Albert Schwarz was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania according to Internet sources. I have not been able to connect his birth date or parentage at this time.

John Albert Schwarz and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwarz were divorced or she was widowed from 1914 to the date of 3rd marriage probably in Uinta or Lincoln Counties of Wyoming.

It appears after her divorce from John Albert Schwarz, Hazel and family moved from Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Uinta County, Wyoming after the birth of son; Albert Schwarz in 1914 to Lincoln County, Wyoming before her marriage to _____ Bellamy.

WARNING...

For you researchers who will be looking up records be forewarned concerning the marriage of Lloyd Elmo Wescott and Hazel (**CAZIER**) who were married on 1 January 1917 in Afton, Lincoln County, Wyoming. This marriage was obtained from Western States Marriage Record Index at...

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=234837>

Details For Marriage ID#234837 Groom Last Name: WESTCOTT Groom First Name: Lloyd E. Groom Residence: Bride Last Name: COZIER Bride First Name: Hazel Bride Residence: Place: Afton Date: 01 Jan 1917 County of Record: Lincoln State: Wyoming Volume: 1 Page: 413

Do not get confused this Hazel (**CAZIER**) that married Lloyd Elmo Wescott she is the daughter of Samuel and Harriet (**GATES**) Cazier from Utah. Not our Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**).

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3RD HUSBAND ALFRED JERRED "JERRY" BELLAMY...

3rd husband Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz were married 24 December 1918 in Bonneville County, Idaho.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=38073>

Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy born on 28 November 1885 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, son of David Edgar and Lillie May (**PAYNE**) Bellamy from Illinois and Minnesota respectively.

Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy and Hazel were divorced between their marriage date and the 12th of September 1918 date of his World War I Draft registration date where he is single living with his mother in Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho.

Do you remember from the above 1920 census data, Hazel Bellamy is listed as a widow in the 1920 census of Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Lincoln County, Wyoming, page 122b, 13 February 1920, line 96, farm 249, family 266 living with her father; James Coziah and her two sons?

However, Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy in the 1920 census of Burley, Cassia County, Idaho is listed as divorced and living in a rooming house.

Something else I have discovered in all my years of family history research, when a particular divorce was very unpleasant for the participants, the spouses usually when asked their marital status from the census taker would reply they were widows or widowers.

Thus was done in spite, and to take away any and all persecutions from friends and neighbors who might know or inquire about the participant's marital status.

Consequently, we cannot give credence to Hazel's widow status in the 1920 census since Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy went on to marry Roxi Louise (**FULTON**) on 29 September 1923 in Washington County, Idaho.

Alfred Jerred "Jerry" Bellamy died in August 1966 in Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Widow: Hazel (**COZIAH**) Darnell, Schwartz Bellamy moved from Freedom Precinct, Election District 13, Lincoln County, Wyoming it appears back to Idaho between the census date of 1920 and her marriage date to Delbert Heber Vail.

4TH HUSBAND DELBERT HEBER VAIL...

4th husband Delbert Heber Vail and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy were married sometime after the census date in 1920 and before 1926.

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Delbert Heber Vail was born 1 December 1895 in Saint Anthony, Fremont, Idaho son of Davis David Heber & Florence A. (**NELSON**) Vail.

Since Delbert was born in Idaho would suggest Delbert and Hazel were married in Idaho.

However, using the website below I could not find a marriage reference for them.

Delbert Herber Vail and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail were divorced before 1926.

It appears after his divorce from Hazel, Delbert married another Coziah according to the following marriage record...

Western Stats Marriage Record Index

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/westernStatesRecordDetail.cfm?recordID=237516>

Details For Marriage ID#237516 Groom Last Name: VAIL Groom First Name: Delbert
Groom Residence: Bride Last Name: COZIAH Bride First Name: Jessie Geneva Bride
Residence: Place: Etna Date: 14 Mar 1927 County of Record: Lincoln State: Wyoming
Volume: 2 Page: 590

Jessie Geneva (**SIZEMORE**) married 1st Joseph Harvey Coziah on 1 September 1912 in Cokeville Precinct, Election District 5, Uinta County, Wyoming.

Joseph Coziah is the son of James Harvey & Eva May (**OSTRANDER**) Coziah and brother to Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**).

Evidently Joseph Coziah and Jessie Geneva (**SIZEMORE**) Coziah were divorced sometime after the 1920 census and before Geneva married 2nd Delbert Heber Vail in 1927.

This brings up an interesting question. Did the person who suggested the marriage between Delbert and Hazel on the Internet, get confused and think that Jessie Geneva (**SIZEMORE**) Coziah whom married Delbert Vail in 1927 was one and the same as Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**)?

The only way to prove this marriage between Delbert and Hazel is to locate the marriage record and the divorce papers.

Hazel's timeline does support another marriage after the 1920 census and before the 1930 census where she is listed as Charles G. Stall's wife. But, without proof of this marriage, to Delbert, we really don't have conclusive evidence.

5TH HUSBAND KARL "CHARLES" GOTTLIEB STOLL...

5th husband Karl "Charles" Gottlieb Stoll and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail were married after 1926 and before the 12th of April 1930 census date.

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Since Charles Stoll was born in Missouri, would indicate he and Hazel were married in Missouri not Wyoming or Idaho.

For the last 36 years, Hazel has toggled between Idaho, where she was born and Wyoming.

Now, for unknown reasons, she with her sons with father; James and brother; Joseph has moved to Kansas City, Missouri which brings us back to the census that started it all.

At this point Hazel shows up in the 1930 census...

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Charles was born in Missouri his parents in Germany; Hazel was born in Idaho her parents in Illinois; step-son Albert Schwartz was born in Wyoming his father in Pennsylvania his mother in Idaho; step-son Harold Darnell was born in Wyoming his father in Iowa his mother in Idaho; nephew Harold Stall was born in Missouri as were his parents. James Coziah, first married at age 21; Hazel's widowed father was born in Illinois as were his parents. Joseph H.[Harvey] Coziah first married at age 27; Hazel's divorced brother born in Iowa his parents in Illinois, Charles was first married at age 48, Hazel was first married at age 18. Charles owns a boarding house. Albert, Harold D, and Harold are single.

The secret to finding out Charles G. Stall's parentage lies within this census. His nephew, Harold Stall...indicates Harold belongs to one of Charles' brothers. Tracking Harold Stall born in 1908 backward from this 1930 census until we find him as a 2 year old in the 1910 census should let us discover his parents.

Now, in order to verify Harold's father, his father should also state just like Charles has in the 1930 census that his parents were born in Germany. I found John F. Stoll in the 1910 census with little 2-year-old Harold and John F. Stoll states his parents were born in Germany.

If I am correct, taking John F. Stoll born in 1874 in Missouri back to the 1880 census should reveal not only his parentage, but his brother; Charles G. Stall or Stoll.

Success, in the 1880 Census of Rockville Township, Bates County, Missouri, I found the following...

STOLL, John head w m 44; Ann wife w f 40; Mary dau w f 16; Marvin son w m 17; John son w m 6; Charles son w m 4; Fridnik son w m 1

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Father; John Stoll was born in Württemberg, Germany and wife Ann was born in Bremen, Germany. And there was little brother; 4-year-old Charles Stoll.

Tracking Charles, I found his World War I Draft Registration where he states he was born 18 November 1876 and is listed as Charles G. Stoll living in Saint Clair County, Missouri.

Looks like I have found Charles and his family. Tracking his brother; John F. Stoll, I found his burial information on Find A Grave at the Taberville Cemetery, Taber Township, Saint Clair County, Missouri.

Checking the Taberville Cemetery I found John's brother; Charles G. Stoll's headstone born 1876 and died 1951.

However, when checking the Missouri Death Certificates I could not find Charles' death certificate.

Assuming after the 1930 Federal Census, Charles and Hazel divorced, before 1938 when I think my Great Uncle Henry Arthur Pratt and Hazel were married,

I found Charles living in Clifton, Wilson County, Kansas with his niece; Elizabeth B. (**KAUFMAN**) Smith in the 1940 census. He is listed as Uncle-in-Law and divorced.

Elizabeth B. (**KAUFMAN**) is the daughter of Martin and Mary Ann (**STOLL**) Kaufman. Mary Ann is Charles' sister, which makes him uncle to Elizabeth.

This would indicate to me Charles G. Stall or Stoll died in Kansas in 1951 and that is why we can't find his death certificate in Missouri.

However, this is where the plot thickens. After exhausting all avenues of vital record documentation, I decided to investigate the public family trees on ancestry.com.

This is where I found a H. M. Stoll had a tree full of information pertaining to the John Stoll family.

Turns out that Charles G. Stall is actually Karl Charles "Charley" Gottlieb Stoll born 18 November 1876 in Rockville, Rockville Township, Bates County, Missouri, son of Johannes "John" Fredrick and Anna (**DEETZSCH**) Stoll from Württemberg and Bremen Germany.

Anna is Johannes 2nd wife and they lived and died in Bates County, Missouri. Karl taking the name of Charles and known as "Charley" married Hazel as I have stated sometime after the 1920 census when Hazel and family moved back to Missouri from Wyoming.

I was unsuccessful in locating their marriage record in the on-line records for Missouri; they may have been married in Kansas.

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After the 1930 census, a falling out took place and Charles and Hazel divorced before 1938-1939 when Hazel married her 6th husband, Henry Arthur Pratt.

This is evident and known because on the 28th of April 1939, Hazel's father James Harvey Coziah, who was living with Hazel and Arthur Pratt, died at 2633 Park Avenue, Saint Louis (city), Missouri. Hazel **Pratt** was the informant on his death certificate.

They buried her father at Green Lawn Cemetery, 8251 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri. What significance Green Lawn Cemetery has to Hazel is unknown at this time since Hazel and Arthur Pratt were both buried in that cemetery when they died...even though they lived in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

As far as Karl Charles "Charley" Gottlieb Stoll goes, after his divorce from Hazel, he moved to Clifton Township, Wilson County, Kansas to live with his niece and her family as mentioned above as stated in the 1940 census.

Sometime after that, he moved to a retirement community called Twin Oaks in El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, Missouri where he died on 22 April 1951 and is buried in the Taberville Cemetery as mentioned above.

His death certificate is listed under Karl G. Stoll, that's why no one has been able until now to fill in the blanks.

With the divorce from Karl Charles "Charley" Gottlieb Stoll 1930-1938, Hazel was free to do what she does best...remarry. Here comes spouse number six.

6TH HUSBAND HENRY ARTHUR "ART" PRATT...

I don't think Hazel quite understood the purpose and meaning of marriage. I can understand a few marriages and divorces but to make a career out of failed relationships is self defeating and emotionally disappointing as well as exhausting.

However, sometime after the divorce from Charles G. Stoll, Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt or Arthur Henry Pratt, my great uncle and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stoll were married probably in St. Louis or Kansas City.

The problem with pinpointing the location...Hazel's movements after the 1930 census. She was living in Kansas City at that time, but Art Pratt's whereabouts is unknown since I cannot locate him in the 1930 census.

By accident I discovered, in our church's records, Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stoll Pratt became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was baptized on 2 September 1934.

I attempted to get a copy of those records but the Church will not release that information.

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I wanted to see by what name she became a member. If she used her birth surname then I would have known by 1934 she was still single...in-between husbands.

Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt or Arthur Henry Pratt he spelled it both ways and Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stall Pratt moved from Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri to 2633 Park Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri sometime in the 1930's.

As mentioned above, Hazel's father; James Harvey Coziah was residing with his daughter; Hazel and son-in-law; Henry Arthur Pratt at 2633 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri died on 28 April 1939. The informant on the death certificate was Hazel Pratt.

My dad, Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt says he paid \$10 a month to Art & Hazel Pratt for room & board in 1942. He said they lived in a flat on Texas Avenue in St. Louis.

Henry Arthur "Art" & Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Pratt bought a home in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stall Pratt died at her home in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri on the 24th of December 1959.

Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stall Pratt was buried with her father in the Green Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt died on 7 May 1961 at Saint Luke's Hospital, 5535 Delmar Avenue, Saint Louis (city), Missouri. This would indicate they might have been living in St. Louis at the time of his death.

Therefore; after hours of research and over a period of years we have discovered the fulfillment of the statement by John Steele McCormick in his book...Arthur Pratt's 1st wife: *Hazel Belle Stall of Kansas City.*

RELATED EMAIL FROM PAT JAMESON ON 3 MAY 2009

I met Hazel in California in the 40's while on a visit with my grandmother, Jessie Sizemore. We had lunch at her home and at that time, I believe she was married to a Pratt. They had a lovely home with a basement full of beautiful furniture from all over the world. But that is all I can remember.

She was the first wife of Delbert Vail who became the husband to my grandmother, Jessie Sizemore.

Delbert Vail died and years later, my grandmother had her own temple sealing to Joseph Harvey Coziah set aside and was sealed to Delbert Vail on October 24, 1967 in the Oakland Temple. In NFS, it shows someone re-did this sealing March 5, 2008 in the Cardston Temple. Hazel and husband (Bellamy) had 2 children (Harold and Albert).

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I do not know when Ellen Katherine Coziah married the second time to Silas E. Wooley (who happens to be related to another member of my family). Her death therefore, would be listed as Ellen Katherine Wooley. She is in one of the census as living as a widow with Eva May Coziah.

Eva May Ostrander was born 19 March 1868 in Galesburg, Knox, Illinois.
Eva May Ostrander Coziah died November 14, 1893 in Sun Valley, Idaho.

My notes on Ellen Katherine Price are - Home in 1880 was Wataga, Knox, Illinois per the 1880 Census. Mother and Father were both from New Jersey.
1910 census shows Kate E. married to Silas E. Wooley and her age as 75.

I am 73 years old and have been on 2 missions to Salt Lake City working on the NFS starting in 2002. I teach in the FHC on Sunday and work there on Wednesdays.

I work in the Houston Temple Office on Thursday mornings. I am on a Service Mission now out of Salt Lake. I work with Quality Assurance checking the e-mails that Salt Lake missionaries send out to make sure they are kind, helpful and correct. The computer has a knowledge base that can be reached through the Help Center on the front page of NFS. Lets keep in touch and work together on this mutual line. Thanks for your information. Pat

EMAIL TO PAT JAMESON 2 MAY 2009

Sister Jameson, my interest in the Ostrander and Coziah families comes from Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**). These two families have been a real pain to research. I have never seen in my 35 years of family history research a family move around so much. Hazel's 6th husband was my Great Uncle; Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt.

Concerning the Ostranders they were fun to research up to a point...after Henry P. Ostrander married a second time. Henry had married first Angeline (____) born 1811 in New Jersey listed in the 1850, 1860 census records. They had...6 verified children. Angeline died after the 1860 census and before her husband's second marriage to Ellen Catherine "Kate" (**PRICE**) you mentioned above. Now it gets sticky.

When I researched the Ostranders I did not go into detail because my interest was the Coziah line. But after your inquiry and email I decided to investigate the Ostrander family line. This is where I ran into a problem.

I thought that I had gotten my information from New Family Search, which is how I found you are a member, and upon investigation did not find the answers there.

I thought maybe I found this info from ancestry.com "trees" and did find others but it looks like they copied what I had put in. So, at this point I don't know where I made the connection and after investigation I now think that Jeremiah B. & Huldah (**SALTER**) Price (1850, 1860, 1870 census) are not her parents. I am not sure she is even a Price.

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Somewhere, someone gave me that info otherwise I would not have put it into my records. One of the problems with Ellen Katherine is she did not know how to tell the truth when it came to her birth year. In the 1870 census she says she is 35, same for the 1880 census. In the 1900 census she finally states she was born August 1834.

Do you know when she died? I figure between 1917-1920. This is where I lose her in the records. It is imperative that we find her death certificate or death notice in the newspapers in order to verify her parents.

After looking at Jeremiah Price's census records in New Jersey, I believe his daughter Ellen A...; who was 5 in 1850 and Ellen 15 in 1860 and he had a daughter; Annie E. age 25 in the 1870 census which looks like Ellen Annie (**PRICE**) is not our Ellen Catherine "Kate" (_____) that married Henry P. Ostrander around 1866-1868.

Getting a copy of Eva May (**OSTRANDER**) Coziah's death certificate or newspaper obit might disclose her mother's maiden name.

If Ellen died between 1917-1920 do you have a copy of her death certificate? Probably in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

In the 1910 census she states that she and Silas were married around 1880-1881. This exact date would be helpful. If you are doing the temple work for this family let me know and I will let you do it. If not then I will process these family members.

Enclosed are my notes on the family. I am a Family History Consultant in the Bradenton 2nd Ward and have been researching for 35 years. Let me know what other help you may need. Please answer directly to: floydpratt59@verizon.net Floyd Pratt M.A.G.I., F.H.C. 2009

End of emails

If all goes well, I plan on a trip to visit Dad in September 2008 and he said he would show me the house that Art and Hazel lived in Bourbon and it turns out that Art's second wife Beulah lived there. If I get to go, I will take a picture for those of you who are interested.

Hazel had 6 husbands and maybe more. She had 2 known children and maybe more.

With all that she had been through and all of her trials and difficulties, she still managed to find the time to listen to the spirit and heed the calling for membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I have great respect and admiration for Hazel; I feel she was an amazing woman. I am looking forward to meeting her.

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After Hazel's death in 1959, Art married his second wife; Mrs. Beulah Cross from Detroit, Michigan.

All I had to go on was John McCormick's statement *Mrs. Beulah Cross of Detroit, Michigan*.

This appeared to be impossible to track since I was looking for a marriage after 1959 and before Arthur's death on the 7th of May 1961.

So, I had resigned myself the obvious...someone else will have to figure out this mystery.

However, sometimes I feel the Lord moves mountains to solve mysteries especially when eternal consequences are involved.

For the last 35 years, I had known about Mrs. Beulah Cross of Detroit, Michigan, no one else in my family circles knew about her much except Dad, he said that Art and Beulah lived in Art's house in Bourbon, Missouri when Art died.



She lived in the home for a while after Art's death and then apparently moved back to Michigan. But, wait, I am getting ahead of myself.

One thing I knew; Cross was not her maiden name and she had lived or did live in Detroit.

With no census information to help, no death certificate, no marriage records, I had nothing...until.

I had self imposed a deadline to finish with this genealogy research by December 2010 when my annual subscription to ancestry.com renewed. I was going to be done once and for all after 35 years and wanted to start and finish some other projects I had started.

So, I worked my way down through my 27,000 people in this Pratt Progenitor Papers family tree starting with my oldest known progenitor; Henry Pratt, then updating the Carters, then each of Henry and Nancy's children and their spouses and parents, working my way from generation to generation hoping eventually to get to me.

When last month I got to Ambrose James Missey and Parry Jane (**RICHARDSON**) family and began updating the Richardsons.

Parry Jane's brother is William Eli "Pete" Richardson who married Jessie (**COFFMAN**) on the 5th of January 1907 at Steelville, Meramec Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

William and Parry's parents are George Washington & Mary Lucinda "Cindy" (**HOLLINGSWORTH**) Richardson, old family in Crawford County, Missouri.

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So, as I began my updating of William & Jessie (**COFFMAN**) Richardson family I recalled one of their children is my great Aunt Eula Viola (**RICHARDSON**) who married my great Uncle Virgil Ranson Pratt, brother to Henry Arthur Pratt.

Aunt Eula as we called her was a storehouse of knowledge and information about the people and families in Bourbon and surrounding communities. She was amazing!

But, unfortunately, although I had asked hundreds of questions, I didn't ask all the right questions when she was alive and now I go asking questions of people who just don't know.

That's where the Lord helps.

As I was filling in the blanks on Jessie (**COFFMAN**) Richardson, Aunt Eula's mother, I began my update on Jessie' parents; Joseph Lafayette "Fate" & Elizabeth Isabelle "Izzie" (**DAVIS**) Coffman.

You may wonder what do I mean by "updating"? Updating is setting in chronological order, events and documents from a person's life. Some of these records can be found in courthouses. For instance, deeds, marriages, court records and cemeteries, census records from 1790 to 1940 and land transactions.

Including military participation and any other records, like pictures, stories from other family members and the most neglected and untapped source...newspapers.

After I have assembled these records I set them in chronological order and call it a Cradle to Grave Profile. (C2G) I post these profiles on ancestry.com and send them to interested parties knowing this information will give them a boost in their research so they don't have to repeat my 35 years of research. Saving them hundreds if not thousands of man-hours of research.

Sometimes these profiles are several pages long. Depends on how long the individual lived and how active they were in their community and how much data is available on the subject.

As I was updating Fayette & Izzie's family, Jessie (**COFFMAN**) happened to be the oldest child.

After Jessie came her sister; Myrtle Ellen (**COFFMAN**) whom married Arthur S. Lindsey. Followed by each child until I have all I can find and know on each individual, their spouses and their spouse's family.

Fayette & Izzie's had 10 children that we can verify and 3 we can't. Then I got to child number 7, whom was Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**).

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Going to ancestry.com to find out what others knew about her I found 9 trees with very little to no information on her...except one tree. Remember this was 2008.

One tree had references to two husbands for her a _____ Cross and a _____ James. No first names just surnames and no data.

When I saw the Cross surname a bell went off in my head that was so loud I am sure others in the neighborhood could hear.

I began to start checking. I contacted that person on ancestry but she was very vague about Beulah and said that Beulah had been married 5 or 6 times. She said she knew a cousin, son of Beulah's named Bobby Cross that had information about his parents.

I asked her to get him in touch with me and she has not replied. She kept giving me incorrect information about the Coffman family even though she claimed to have known them intimately. When she did send me information, she left children out of the family and made other claims that were later proven false.

However, when I told her I thought my Uncle Henry Arthur Pratt was married to Beulah, the next day she had updated her tree with that information I had told her without acknowledgment to me...she was willing to accept others information but not willing to share...or even a thank you.

Nevertheless, I found through another researcher Beulah's headstone and picture on Find-A-Grave, which also listed some of Beulah's other husbands.

It appears that Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) was a busy girl.

1ST HUSBAND JAMES THOMAS BEAUTEN...

Beulah's first husband is listed as James Thomas Beuten born 6 March 1898 in Equality Township, Gallatin County, Illinois son of Charles William & Eva Alice (**RAYON**) Beuton.

After the WWI Draft Registration in 1918, James moved with his parents to Detroit, Michigan before the 1920 census date to work in the booming auto industry.

I figure James Thomas Beuten and Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) were married circa 1921-1922 either in Crawford County, Missouri where she was living in the 1920 census or in Michigan.

CENSUS RECORDS...

In the 1930 census of Detroit, Wayne, Michigan page 6a, 5 April 1930, line we have...

BEUTON, James head w m 32; Beulah wife w f 24; Earl son w m 7; Richard son w m 5; James son w m 3; William son w m 1yr 8mos

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In the 1940 census of R-2 Huron Street, Taylor, Wayne, Michigan we have...

SPOEL, Beulah head w f 34; Earl son w m 17; Richard son w m 16; James son w m 13; William son w m 11; Harold son w m 10; Beverly dau w f 5; Joyce dau w f 2; Charlotte dau w f 1; Gertrude dau w f 11; Marjorie dau w f 9

From the 1930 census we know that Earl, Richard, James and William are Beuten children from Beulah's previous marriage to James Thomas Beuten.

Therefore, it appears that son Harold and maybe Gertrude and Marjorie may have also been Beuten children. If this is true, then James and Beulah were divorced after 1931 and before 1934.

Since Beverly was born in 1935, this would indicate that Charles Spoel and Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) Beuten were married 1933-1935.

Giving the children from a previous marriage your present spouse's surname was customary in mixed families.

The person on ancestry.com who had given me false information concerning Beulah's family had listed another husband as Richard Cross.

However, until we can determine when Beulah actually married spouse; Richard Cross we don't know if some of those children listed above in the 1940 census are actually Cross children. Therefore, I cannot assign all of them to James Beuten, Richard Cross or Charles Spoel.

After James Thomas Beuten and Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) Beuten were divorced circa 1931-1934, for some unknown reason James Beuten changed his name from James Thomas Beuten to Edwin Carl Busch. This is the name he uses in the 1940 census where he has married Grace (_____).

2nd husband Charles Spoel...

Since we believe that James and Beulah were divorced between 1931-1934, and we think daughter; Beverly born in 1935 may have been a Spoel, we really don't know when James and Beulah were divorced and when Charles Spoel and Beulah were married.

This confusion originates with an additional marriage Beulah had with a supposed Richard Cross. Not knowing when she married him and divorced him confuses the issue. Were some of those children listed in that 1940 census his?

By the 19th of April 1940, the census date, spouse; Charles Spoel is an inmate in the Eloise Hospital, 30763 Michigan Avenue, Nankin, Wayne County, Michigan.

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He stated he was born in 1901 in Iowa and was married. As you can see from the 1940 census, Beulah states she is married and Charles is not with her.

I found on Find A Grave, a listing for Charles Spoel having died in 1940 and is buried in the Northview Cemetery, Dearborn, Wayne, Michigan. His headstone states beloved husband, therefore, I feel he is the same man in the 1940 census and Beulah's husband.

3rd husband Kenneth Archibald Cross...

However, the person on ancestry.com whom I previously spoke about, who was supposed to know Beulah and Richard Cross' son; Bobby Cross, changed her tree that Bobby's father was now Kenneth Archibald Cross born 21 November 1906 at Switz City, Greene County, Indiana and died the 6th of August 1975 in Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan.

I am a little apprehensive concerning this information because two days ago, that information was not posted in her tree, now it shows up without explanation. She failed to list a marriage date and with her history of conflicting information it is hard to determine who really was Beulah's 3rd husband; Richard Cross of Kansas or Kenneth Cross of Indiana.

Therefore, until further evidence can be documented I am not convinced who her Cross husband was.

However, after careful research, if it turns out that Kenneth Archibald Cross was Beulah's 3rd husband and the following applies.

Kenneth Archibald Cross born the 21st of November 1906 in Fairplay Township, Greene County, Indiana, where his parents were living before the 1900 census. Son of James Elmer and Eliza A. (**HOSTETTER**) Cross from Greene County, Indiana.

Once we locate Kenneth and Beulah's marriage and divorce records we will know when they were married (1940-1950) and divorced. They were married after the death of Charles Spoel in 1940.

Therefore, Kenneth and Beulah were divorced before 1959-1960 when she married Henry Arthur Pratt and she was not a widow. Kenneth married 2nd Kathleen B. and he died 6 August 1975 in Van Buren Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan, United States.

4TH HUSBAND HENRY ARTHUR "ART" PRATT...

It appears Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt my Great Uncle was Beulah's 4th husband. No marriage location or date has been found but I figure Crawford County, Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri or Kansas City, Missouri holds the marriage record.

This marriage took place after the divorce of her 3rd husband and after the death of Art's first wife Hazel Belle (**COZIAH**) Pratt in 1959.

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Knowing Art's elderly age, at age 57 I am sure he would not have been running around up to Detroit, Michigan to get married. Beulah was probably down in Crawford County, Missouri visiting relatives and met widower; Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt.

They were married between 1959 and 1961 either in St. Louis or Crawford County or elsewhere and she moved in with Art at Bourbon, Missouri where he owned a house.

She attended the local Pratt family reunions held in each September and became good friends with my Aunt Mary Edith (**PRATT**) Skaggs.

After the death of Uncle Art in 1961, it is unknown how long she lived in their home before she moved back to the Detroit area where she married her 5th husband, Clifford D. James.

5TH HUSBAND CLIFFORD D. JAMES...

Clifford D. James born the 17th of November 1900 in Wayne County, Michigan. At this point his parentage eludes me.

I have him in the 1920 and 1930 census but not with his parents and in the 1940 census he has married a Margaret (_____) and has a family.

Clifford and Beulah married after the death of Arthur Pratt in 1961 and before Clifford's death in 1973.

Clifford died in May 1973 and was buried at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 5 Mile Road, Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan.

GOING HOME...

Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) Beauten, Spoel, Cross, Pratt, James died on 4 January 1984 at Taylor, Wayne County, Michigan and is buried with 5th husband; Clifford D. James.

On Find-A-Grave they posted a picture of her and a picture of the joint headstone with her husband at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. You can access this at...

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=James&GSiman=1&GScnty=1308&GSsr=1&GRid=7106224&>

I don't believe I would have purposely researched this person if I had not discovered one of her husbands was a _____ Cross.

The coincidence of a Mrs. Beulah Cross from Detroit, Michigan as John McCormick's book stated needed to be investigated and was too much of a long shot.

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However, what drew my interest to this Beulah was that she was born in Crawford County, Missouri, had married a _____ Cross and was from Detroit, Michigan.

After hard research and many, many hours in these records I was able to put two and two together and connect Arthur's mystery 2nd wife listed in John McCormick's book as Mrs. Beulah Cross from Detroit, Michigan as one and the same as Beulah Trassy (**COFFMAN**) Beauten, Spoel, Cross, Pratt, James.

FUTURE RESEARCH...

Where should the holes in this Swiss cheese be filled? Ordering the death certificates for each of Beulah's spouses.

Also, someone needs to dig into the marriage records in Detroit and find the marriage dates of at least 2 husbands and also the divorce records.

Ordering Clifford D. James' death certificate should reveal his parentage.

IN CONCLUSION...

Great Uncle Art seems to have had a penchant for woman who had multiple husbands.

Being married to women with all that baggage may have been a contributory factor to his early demise; then again his life was anything but dull.

So, there you have it, a great mystery concerning two outstanding women and how they crossed the path of my great Uncle Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt.

A 35-year or more mystery has been partially solved.

Many more answers need to fill in this Swiss cheese of family history holes, but at least I have helped future researchers by directing them to the proper locations to look for records.

Unfortunately, most of the researchers I have encountered have been armchair mouse clickers; people who will gladly take what others have produced but give very little in return.

For instance, after I had disclosed my the above research findings on ancestry.com, I see many of those 9 trees that knew nothing before about Beulah's husbands, have now updated their trees with my information and added Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt as her 4th husband.

Little do they realize the road trips to courthouses, interviews and cemeteries I have had to investigate over the last 38 years in order to obtain this information not to count the numerous hours of gathering, compiling, organizing and publishing my findings.

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However, for the sake of truthful family history reporting, this has been one of my goals...to shake up the complacency of apathy among researchers within the genealogical world concerning record keeping and research techniques.

I have attempted to set a prime example of how research should be conducted and produced.

When I have completed a Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G), based on my findings you can write a biography of any individual using my sources, notes and presumptive conclusions.

This concept has been proven with the publication of the book; a biography of my Grandfather...

"The Pratt Chronicles...Columbus Benjamin Alexander Pratt" published this year in 2013.

And you may ask, where did the spark that enlightens and guides my mind originate...from my Heavenly Father, of course. Inspired by his example in the restored gospel found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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6	Peter Conley Brown	b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennes~ m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, District #8, Lauderdale~	12	John A. Brown	b. May 1844 p. Perry, Tennessee, United ~ m. 18 November 1891 p. Dresden, Weakley, Tenne~ d. 31 July 1928 p. Nashville, Hermitage, Davi~	20	Martin Johnson	b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859	40	Benjamin Johnson	b. 31 March 1775
3	Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown	b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~ d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bel~	13	Obedience "Bedie" Lackey	b. 6 February 1871 p. near District 8 Post Office, ~ d. 14 January 1924 p. Western State Hospital, Bol~	21	Comfort Osborn	b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877	42	William Osborn	b. 4 July 1777
7	Olga Elmira O'Daniel	b. 11 March 1907 p. Island 21, Dyer, Tennessee~ d. 7 October 1993 p. Los Angeles, Los Angeles~	14	James Leonidas O'Daniel	b. 15 December 1869 p. near Rutherford Post Offic~ m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dy~	22	William "Billy" Barton	b. 20 November 1831 d. 7 January 1922	44	John Milton Barton	b. 1799
			15	Daisy Dean Bell	b. 7 September 1881 p. District #19, Walnut Grove~ d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil Dist~	23	Harriet King	b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920	46	Rev. Jonathan King	b. 20 December 1800
						24	Joseph Brown Jr.	b. 1827 d.	48	Joseph Brown Sr.	b. 1785
						25	Catherine	b. 1825 d.	50		
						26	William Stevenson Lackey	b. 20 October 1822 d. 7 July 1893	52	Enos Lackey	b. 1797
						27	Nancy Basket Moseley	b. 11 October 1827 d. 20 September 1875	54		
						28	Stephen C. O'Daniel	b. 5 December 1812 d. 1881	56	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749
						29	Elizabeth Ellen Gordon	b. 1840 d. 1872	58	John Gordon	b. 1813
						30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893	60		
						31	Hettie M. Jackson	b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902	62	Alexander Jackson	b. 1840

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

“WRAP IT UP”

BY Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

After my heart attack in 2012, I asked the Lord, “After 38 years of family history research, is this what you want me to do for the rest of my life?” As I waited for the still quiet voice...I have come to know and love as the voice of the Holy Ghost, I heard these words; unlike any I have ever heard him say before...”Wrap it up”.

Of course, being a dutiful servant, I immediately doubled my efforts and began to increase my workload and family history research...contrary to the advice and wisdom of the Holy Ghost. I did not heed his advice. Luckily for me the Lord believes in second chances.

In 2014, we were contemplating a move from Florida to Colorado to be near our grandchildren and not really having my heart set on the trip, in fact I was fighting the idea, I asked the Lord if this is wisdom and wanted to know what he wants me to do. Again, I heard the still quiet voice say, “Lose some weight so you can fit into your suit and prepare, for I have work for you to do in Colorado.”

It has been 8 months since our arrival in Aurora, Colorado and I have lost 35 pounds and can now fit in my suit. Bonnie and I have been called as Family History Consultants in the Sable Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Coupled with that calling and having a skill-set learned over 38 years of family history research, we also gladly accepted a calling as co-instructors of the family history training course titled “Temple and Family History Work” for the Sable Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Most likely due to our advanced age and health, this will be the last opportunity we have to teach this course together. Were Colorado has improved my health, Bonnie being 3 years older than I, is showing signs of fatigued and forgetfulness.

Seeing the writing on the wall, it looks like I will be spending more and more time serving her and her needs and less and less time working on family history.

As I pondered the 300 books, article and stories I have written during my 38-year tenure in the family history genre, I became concerned, concerning the preservation of those literary compositions. These bodies of work were so laboriously created for the benefit of my family, relatives, friends and fellow family history researchers, I hope they would not perish but be preserved for future generations.

As always, when troubled with a monumental perplexing decision, I took my concerns to the Lord and expressed my feelings concerning our thousands of pages of family history work. I consider the Savior as the author with myself as co-author of this work and he too has a vested interest in the preservation of this work.

After, a few days waiting and weighing all my options, the Holy Ghost informed me it was the Lord’s desire I post all my complete works online at two websites namely; www.openlibrary.com and www.internetarchive.org.

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Seeing the wisdom in this decision and knowing these websites have been designed to accommodate large publications, I knew this was going to be an ominous task. Several of my publications require updating to change my resident location, phone number, and update with current 2014 research material.

Many of you may ask, “what about posting these books on www.ancestry.com or the Church’s website at Family Tree” and the answer is simple...both of these websites has a size limit as to what you can upload into their database. Some of my books are over 800 pages and exceeds their upload requirements.

Some of you may ask, “what about the lost revenue of \$35.00 you have been receiving for these publications”. The \$35.00 as you already know, never was intended to compensate me for the travel, expense, research or time of compiling this material but the fee was to compensate me for the time, effort, cost and postage of creating cd’s as hard copies.

Since, no one in my family knows how I create these books, nor do they have the interest to learn, then posting them online for free to interested parties will not only help preserve these publications but will help interested researchers long after I have left this earth.

If I am fortunate, I should be able to get the following posted on those websites...

[1] All 60 volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers Series...

This series is a collection of descendency charts, family group records, legal documentation, census, deeds, newspaper, birth and death records, including Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles where applicable, on one specified ancestor and all known descendants for a specified number of generations. The PPP are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation.

[2] All 2 books of the The Pratt Chronicles...

These books offer an in-depth biography on one individual’s life encompassing all known factors such as music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions reported on a yearly basis.

[3] All 11 Courses of the Genealogical Institute Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute (M.A.G.I.) Courses...

These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

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- [4] 20 or more articles of the **“VIEW FROM THE MAST COMPOSITIONS...”**...

Over the years I have found it necessary to write articles concerning observations of family history, what I call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast Compositions. Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of Discovery, I have sailed through the waters of research for the last 38 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details I have witnessed during my voyage.

- [5] 300 or more of the ***Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles*** (C2G)...

The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children including their profiles if processed. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

- [6] 10 or more books of the **LITERARY HISTORY SERIES...**

This collection contains rare books concerning family history written by various authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in any genealogical library. Some of these books have been formatted in the .pdf format, others as a hard copy of the original book.

- [7] 10 or more books of the **VITAL TEXT SERIES...**

This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

- [8] Several books of the ***Pratt Archive Collections...***

This Collection comprises of a series of books containing cemetery records, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors.

- [9] Several books created in the **ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF...**

This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

These publications will be posted to the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

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*“**16**And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? **17**And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. **18**He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, **19**Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **20**The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **21**Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **22**But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”*

Since I consider myself rich and wealthy in Family History knowledge concerning thousands of people, as a member of the Lord’s church; The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints and one of his ordained High Priest, then no less should be required of me than to share my most valuable possessions of family history knowledge for the benefit of my fellow man.

I thank all of you, it has been fun and I look forward to your emails and inquiries.

Humbly,

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.
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